



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL Agenda Highlights for December 1, 2008

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INCENTIVE AGREEMENT TO BRING JOBS DOWNTOWN: Development Committee Chair [Maryellen O'Shaughnessy](#) is sponsoring legislation that will create thousands of new jobs in downtown Columbus. *Ordinance 1902-2008* will authorize the City to enter into a Jobs Growth Incentive Agreement with Nationwide Children's Hospital. The agreement will call for the creation of 2,400 jobs by 2013 and 4,250 jobs by 2020 in return for 30% of the amount of new income tax withheld from employees for a term of up to 15 years. This incentive package is part of an \$842 million expansion effort Nationwide Children's Hospital has embarked on which will focus on research, staff, technology and facilities. Nationwide Children's Hospital currently employs 6,800 employees and is home to The Research Institute, the 6th largest freestanding pediatric research enterprise in the country.

TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES IMPROVE CITY SERVICES: Administration Committee Chair [Priscilla R. Tyson](#) is sponsoring legislation that will streamline several City operations to provide improved services to residents. *Ordinance 1680-2008* will allow the City to replace out-dated servers with virtualization software that will allow for the consolidation of multiple servers. This upgrade will reduce time-consuming efforts of managing separate servers and will help staff perform tasks associated with recovery, backup, and archiving, in less time. The new server will support critical City services including One-Stop-Shop, 3-1-1, The Division of Fire EMBERS system, and the FleetAnywhere system.

MUNICIPAL COURT BUILDING LEASE AGREEMENT: *Ordinance 1774-2008*, sponsored by President Pro Tem [Kevin L. Boyce](#) and co-sponsored by Judiciary and Court Administration Chair Hearcel F. Craig, will authorize the City to execute a Lease Agreement with the County Commissioners of Franklin County for the Franklin County Municipal Court Building located at 375 South High Street. Upon the City's expenditure of an accumulated total of \$30 million dollars in capital expenses the City will have the option to take fee title to the building by payment of the Option Purchase Price as defined in the lease.

SUPPORTING VICTIMS OF CRIME: Judiciary and Court Administration Chair [Hearcel F. Craig](#) is sponsoring legislation which will allow the Franklin County Municipal Court to continue providing services to victims of crime as they navigate through the legal system. *Ordinance 1856-2008* will allow the City to accept a grant from Ohio's Crime Victim Assistance Office for \$39,443 and authorize the transfer of \$69,000 from the Municipal Court's special revenue fund for probation fees to serve as a grant match. The grant will fund the victim assistant staff who assist probation officers in the domestic violence unit. Staff members act as liaisons to the City Prosecutor to work with victims when a perpetrator has been placed on probation.

KEEPING COLUMBUS' STREETS AND HIGHWAYS SAFE: The Columbus Division of Police will receive assistance with help from a grant from the Ohio Traffic Safety Office (OTSO) in covering the cost of overtime when officers work during high traffic periods. The OTSO works to reduce traffic-related crashes to save lives and reduce injuries and economic loss. *Ordinance 1801-2008*, sponsored by Safety Committee Chair [Andrew J. Ginther](#), allows the City to spend \$125,943.35 for the High Visibility Enforcement Overtime 2009 project. This project will target reducing fatal crashes by strict enforcement on speed, aggressive driving behaviors, OVI, seatbelt violations and driver inattention within the Interstate system within the City of Columbus and major arterial streets during specific holiday and national mobilization periods.

TAVARES RAISING AWARENESS OF HIV/AIDS: World AIDS Day is observed every year on December 1 to encourage action in the face of the global HIV/AIDS pandemic, and to raise awareness in local communities. Health, Housing & Human Services Committee Chair [Charleta B. Tavares](#) has asked the Columbus Health Department to provide a brief presentation on HIV/AIDS and how the HIV antibody test can help stop the spread of this disease in the Columbus community. According to the Ohio Department of Health, there are approximately 2,939 men, women and children in Central Ohio living with HIV. For a list of events associated with World AIDS day, visit <http://www.catf.net/WorldAIDSDay/wad2008.pdf>.

MENTEL RECOGNIZES LIFE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: Council President [Michael C. Mentel](#) will be celebrating a unique program that brings together students with special-needs and local volunteers. *LifeTown* teaches practical, everyday skills to special-needs children in the 4-12th grades—skills that will help them lead independent, productive lives. The students perform tasks such as applying for a job, going to a doctor or filling out a bank deposit slip, activities that seem routine, but are made more difficult with physical or mental challenges. Rabbi Areyah Kaltmann of the Chabad Columbus is the executive director of the *Lifetown* project and will discuss how members of all faith communities can take part in this program.

UPCOMING MEETINGS OF NOTE:

- ✓ On Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at 5:30 PM Councilmember Andrew J. Ginther will hold a public meeting to discuss the 2009 Public Safety Budget.
- ✓ Councilmember Charleta B. Tavares' Health, Housing & Human Services Budget Hearing originally scheduled for Wednesday, December 3, 2008 has been **postponed** until Thursday, December 18, 2008 at 5:30 PM.
- ✓ Councilmember Maryellen O'Shaughnessy will host a Bike Laws/Complete Streets Public Hearing on Thursday, December 4, 2008 at 5:30 PM.